

In re Appln. of KUMADA et al.  
Application No. 10/623,772

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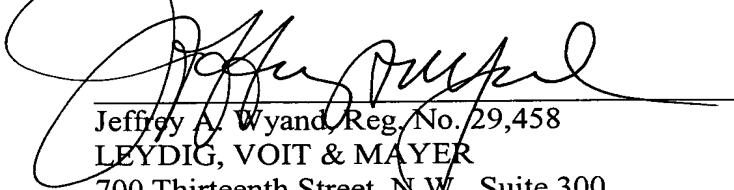
In response to the Office Action mailed November 23, 2004, Applicants elect claims 1-8 directed to a via-filling material.

In view of the election made, a corresponding change in the title of the patent application has been made.

In response to the species election requirement, Applicants provisionally elect species 1 encompassing claims 1 and 2. Prompt and favorable examination of at least claims 1 and 2 is earnestly solicited.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the species election requirement and examination of all the claims that pertain to the via-filling material, namely claims 1-8, because of the clear relationship of these claims. The structural formulas, for example, in Figures 3 and 8, two independent claims, are identical to each other. The structural formula in claim 1 differs from the structural formulas in claims 3 and 8 only by the absence of a double bond and the presence of an extending single bond from the CH<sub>2</sub> constituent, in place of the double bond. Thus, it is believed that the search will be coextensive for each of independent claims 1, 3, and 8. Therefore, examination of all of claims 1-8 does not represent an undue burden for the Examiner, will result in compact examination, and minimize the cost of prosecution, both for the Applicants and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,



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